

Materials:

- Sock (old, clean) or Paper Bag
- Felt scraps (various colors relevant to FNaF characters - browns, grays, reds, purples, yellows, white, black)
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Craft foam sheets (optional, for details like teeth or accessories)
- Yarn or string
- Non-toxic craft glue or hot glue gun (with adult supervision)
- Scissors
- Markers or fabric markers
- Pencil and paper for sketching

Introduction: Welcome Puppet Engineers!

Today, we're diving into the world of puppet making, but with a spooky twist inspired by the Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF) universe! Puppets are amazing tools for storytelling and creativity. We'll explore how characters like Freddy Fazbear, Bonnie, Chica, and Foxy are designed and then use those ideas to build our very own FNaF-inspired puppet.

Art Appreciation: What Makes FNaF Characters Creepy and Cool?

Let's look at some pictures of the FNaF characters (you can search online safely with a grown-up if needed). What do you notice about them?

- **Shapes:** Are they sharp and jagged or soft and round? Many animatronics have somewhat blocky shapes but also rounded features that become unsettling.
- **Colors:** What colors are typically used? Often, there are darker, muted colors mixed with unexpected brights (like Chica's bib or Bonnie's purple).
- **Textures:** Imagine what they feel like. Are they fuzzy like an old toy, or hard and metallic? Their designs often suggest a worn-out, slightly creepy texture.
- **Eyes:** The eyes are really important in FNaF! Are they wide and staring? Do they glow? How do the eyes make you feel?
- **Exaggeration:** Notice features like large teeth, wide grins, or specific accessories (like Foxy's hook or Freddy's hat). How do these details define the character?

Discuss how these design choices make the characters look like friendly animatronics gone wrong, creating that unique FNaF vibe.

Design Time: Planning Your Puppet

1. Think about which FNaF character inspires you most, or maybe you want to create a totally new animatronic in the same style!
2. On your paper, sketch out ideas for your puppet. Will it be based on a sock or a paper bag?
3. Decide on the main colors you'll need.
4. Plan out key features: What kind of eyes will it have? Will it have teeth? Ears? A hat or bow tie? Sketch these details.

Construction Zone: Building Your Animatronic Friend (or Foe!)

If using a sock:

1. Put the sock on your hand to figure out where the mouth will go (the heel/palm area).
2. Take the sock off. You can flatten it and cut a slit for the mouth if you want a more defined inside, or just pinch and glue later.
3. Cut out features like ears, snouts, or hats from felt or craft foam based on your sketch.
4. Glue these pieces onto the sock. Remember, FNaF characters often look a bit stitched together or repaired, so don't worry about perfection!
5. Glue on eyes (googly eyes, buttons, or cut-out felt shapes).
6. Add details like teeth (cut small triangles from white felt or foam), eyebrows (use markers or thin felt strips), or yarn for hair/wires.

If using a paper bag:

1. The bottom flap of the bag will be the mouth. Decorate the flap and the area underneath it as the mouth interior.
2. Cut out body shapes, ears, eyes, and other features from felt or craft foam.
3. Glue these onto the bag. You can add arms cut from felt/foam to the sides.
4. Use markers to add details, lines, or textures directly onto the bag or felt pieces.

Adding the FNaF Flair!

- Use markers to add 'dirt', 'grime', or 'stitch' marks.
- Maybe add some 'loose wires' using yarn poking out from behind an ear or eye.
- Focus on making the eyes and mouth expressive in that creepy-cute FNaF way.

Reflection: Show Off Your Creation!

Look at your finished puppet! How does it capture the FNaF style? What was your favorite part of making it? What challenges did you face? Try putting on a mini puppet show, thinking about how your FNaF-inspired character would move and talk!